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### Mid-winter Meeting

The Executive Council met February 1st at the Morrison Hotel, Chicago, and cleared the following business:

Heard a report from Alphonse F. Trezza, Chairman of Catholic Book Week, 1954, on the progress to date of that activity. Mr. Trezza also reported on the progress of arrangements for the Philadelphia Conference, as the representative of Margaret Mary Henrich, the Local Arrangements Chairman.

Conferred with Brother Aurelian Thomas, Chairman of the Committee on the Constitution, about the second presentation of the proposed constitutional revisions to be referred to the membership for second vote at the Philadelphia Conference.

Instructed the Executive Secretary to pay to Mrs. Jeannette M. Lynn the sum of \$172.59 for such vacation time as was not claimed during her incumbency March 1951-October 1953.

Approved funds for accounting service for Association Headquarters, and for extra part-time clerical help until the present back-log of work has been cleared.

Heard a report on new memberships from Sister Eone, Chairman of the Membership Committee.

Approved the Vice-President's writing checks in case of emergency, but voted that as soon as Father Mattlin shall assume the Presidency the power to write checks shall be vested in the President (as well as in the Executive Secretary).

Voted, after careful consideration of the budget, to inform the Bruce Publishing Company and Mrs. Jeannette M. Lynn that the Association does not have funds with which to undertake the joint publication of the second edition of the *Alternative Classification for Catholic Books* and therefore cannot undertake that responsibility.

Received from Sister Regina Miriam a detailed Conference Code for the guidance hereafter of all individuals concerned with the national conference.

Helen L. Butler, Ph.D.  
President

### FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

#### MR. WILSON IS DEAD

Mr. Durocher and his team were undoubtedly known to more people than the man who owned the building with the lighthouse on top just across the Harlem River from the Polo Grounds, but it seems a reasonably safe prediction that that master of the spoken word will pass from men's minds long before H. W. Wilson, the greatest bibliographer of this, or any age.

Library students might forget the contribution of Mudge or Logassa, but there can't be a tyro librarian the world over who could not rattle off half a dozen Wilson publications without even thinking. The list is so long and the individual works of such magnitude that it taxes one's belief to read that fifty-six years ago there was only one Wilson publication, the *Cumulative Book Index*, and that only sixteen pages long.

The Catholic Library Association shares the debt of all librarians to Halsey W. Wilson, but it is particularly beholden to him more than some other groups might be. For, when the Association contemplated publishing the highly specialized CATHOLIC PERIODICAL INDEX and found that it was lacking in both capital and experience, it was Mr. Wilson who encouraged and backed the project until it finally got on its feet. In addition to the CPI another special service to Catholic libraries by the Wilson Company has been the *Catholic Supplement to the High School Catalog*, which, like the other Wilson publications, is an indispensable tool for the libraries for which it is intended.

With the rest of the world of books, then, the Catholic Library Association, offers its condolences to the Wilson family and its sympathy to the Wilson Company on the loss of a man of whom it can be truly said that the world is better because he lived. *Requiescat in pace.*

V.T.M.

C. L. A.

30th Annual Conference

*Philadelphia, Pennsylvania*

April 20-23, 1954

THEME: Libraries in the Age of Mary

Solemn Pontifical Mass

Tuesday, April 20, 9 A.M.

PLACE: Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul  
18th and Race Streets, Phila., Pa.  
Bellevue-Stratford Hotel

PRESIDING: Most Rev. John F. O'Hara,  
C.S.C., D.D.

*Archbishop of Philadelphia*

CELEBRANT: Most Rev. Joseph McShea,  
D.D.

*Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia*

SERMON: Rev. George E. O'Donnell, Litt. D.  
*Professor of Literature, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary*

TOPIC: "In the Likeness of Our Lady"

OFFICERS OF THE MASS:

ASSISTANT PRIEST Rev. Bartholomew F. Fair, S.T.L., J.C.D.

*Librarian, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary*

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M.S. in L.S.

*Librarian, Villanova University*

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MASTER OF CEREMONIES:

Rev. Daniel J. Gallagher

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Rev. Thomas J. Kelly

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### Opening General Session

Tuesday, April 20, 2:30 p.m.

**PRESIDING:** Dr. Helen L. Butler, *President, C.L.A.*

*Address of Welcome:* Miss Margaret Mary Henrich, Assistant Librarian, Villanova College, Villanova, Pennsylvania; Chairman, Philadelphia Unit, The Catholic Library Association.

*Marian Collections:* Rev. Lawrence Monheim, S.M., Director, Marian Library, University of Dayton, Dayton, Ohio

*Marian Union Catalogue:* Bro. Drerup, S.M., Acting Head-Librarian, Albert Emanuel Library, University of Dayton, Dayton, Ohio

*Marian Periodicals:* Bro. Stanley Mathews, S.M., Librarian, Marian Library, University of Dayton, Dayton, Ohio



### General Business Session

Friday, April 23, 9:30 a.m.

**PRESIDING:** Dr. Helen L. Butler, *President, C.L.A.*

**SECRETARY:** Vincent T. Mallon, M.M., *Executive Secretary, C.L.A.*

### Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 20, 10:45 a.m.

**CHAIRMAN:** A. H. Mattlin, S.J., *Vice-President, C.L.A.*

This meeting will be composed of chairmen of all Local Units, Committees and Boards, Sections and Round Tables in addition to the Executive Council and the Editor of the Catholic Periodical Index. An important purpose of the meeting is to assist the President in drawing up an agenda for the General Business Session on Friday.

### Luncheon Session

Thursday, April 22, 12 Noon

*Address:* Rev. Paul F. Palmer, S.J., Jesuit Seminary, Woodstock, Md., and Toronto, Canada; author of *Mary in the Documents of the Church*.

### Unit Chairmen's Meeting

Thursday, April 22, 4:30 p.m.

**CHAIRMAN:** A. H. Mattlin, S.J., *Vice-President, C.L.A.*

This meeting will be composed of representatives of each of the Local Units. Its purpose will be to discuss matters pertaining to the internal conduct of Unit affairs.

### President's Reception

Tuesday, April 20, 4:30 p.m.

Everyone attending the Conference is invited to this informal reception.

## SECTIONS AND ROUND TABLES

### Seminary Libraries Round Table

Tuesday, April 20, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, 8 p.m.

(10 minutes from city)

CHAIRMAN: James King, C.M., Librarian  
St. Joseph's College, Princeton, New Jersey

*The New Seminary Library Building at Dunwoodie:*

John H. Harrington, Librarian, St. Joseph's Seminary, Yonkers, New York

*Accreditation of a Seminary Library:*

Raymond F. Hesler, S.S., Librarian, St. Charles College, Catonsville, Maryland

### University and College Libraries Section

Thursday, April 22, 9:30 a.m.

CHAIRMAN: William A. Gillard, Director of Libraries, St. John's University, Brooklyn, New York

*The Philadelphia Bibliographical Center and Union Catalogue:* Eleanor Este Campion

*History and Future of the American Catholic Historical Society Library:* Bartholomew F. Fair, Librarian, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary

Business Session—Adoption of constitution  
Election of officers

Friday, April 23, 2:30 p.m.

CHAIRMAN: Brother Alexander F. Thomas, F.S.C.H.

Ryan Library, Iona College

Discussion: *Practical Library Problems*

### Cataloging and Classification Round Table

Thursday, April 22, 2:30 p.m.

CHAIRMAN: Arthur L. Morse,  
Cataloger, Ryan Library, Iona College  
New Rochelle, New York

*What Ought To and What Can Be Done About the Philosophy Classification:*  
Loren Fuchs, O.F.M., St. Joseph's Seminary, Westmont, Illinois

*A Reference Librarian Views the Card Catalog:* Sister M. Janet, O.P., Reference Librarian, Rosary College, River Forest, Illinois

### Reference Libraries Section

Wednesday, April 21, 2:30 p.m.

CHAIRMAN: Eugene P. Willging

Director of Libraries, Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

*Papal Documentation:* Sister M. Claudia, I.H.M., Librarian, Marygrove College, Detroit, Michigan

*Periodical Desiderata & Microfilming:* Victor Schaeffer, Librarian, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana

*Indexing in Non-Periodical Fields:* Eugene P. Willging, Director of Libraries, Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

### High School Libraries Section

Thursday, April 22, 9:30 a.m.

CHAIRMAN: Bro. Arthur L. Goerd, S.M.

Librarian, Wm. Cullen McBride High School, St. Louis, Missouri

*Books—The Root of the Rock:* Alice L. Lefevre, Director, Dept. of Librarianship, Western, Michigan College of Education, Kalamazoo, Michigan

Friday, April 23, 2:30 p.m.

*Discussion of Basic Library Problems:* Discussion Leader: Sister M. Leontine, O.P., St. Helena High School, Bronx, New York

### Elementary School Libraries Round Table

Wednesday, April 21, 2:30 p.m.

**CHAIRMAN:** Sister Mary Martina, R.S.M.

Librarian, Vincentian Institute, Albany, N.Y.

*Books and Reading: Magic Gifts for Young People:* William I. Martin, of the John C. Winston Publishing Co.

*Ideas and Suggestions for Elementary School Librarians:* Sister Mary Arthur, I.H.M., Chairwoman, Elementary Group, Philadelphia Unit, C.L.A.

### Parish Libraries Round Table

Friday, April 23, 2:30 p.m.

**CHAIRMAN:** Elizabeth Ewens,

Librarian, Holy Rosary Parish Library Milwaukee, Wisconsin

*How the Professional Librarian can Cooperate with Parish Librarians:* Mary K. Dempsey, Director of Libraries, Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

### Hospital Libraries Round Table

Thursday, April 22, 2:30 p.m.

**CHAIRMAN:** Catherine O'Day Hollis,

Librarian Mercy Central School of Nursing

Grand Rapids, Michigan

*Nurses' Library: Resource for the Apostolate:* Sister M. Laurella, C.S.C., Librarian, Mount Carmel School of Nursing, Columbus, Ohio

*Nursing Education, a Challenge to Alert Librarians:* Sister Mary Jane, C.S.J. Assistant Director, the College of St. Catherine, Dept. of Nursing, St. Paul, Minnesota

*The Medical Library: Arsenal of Life Saving Ideas:* Sister Mary Germaine, S.S.M., Librarian, St. John's Hospital, Tulsa, Oklahoma

Friday, April 23, 2:30 p.m.

*Book Service to Patients:* some informal comments

Business Session

### Religious Order Special Meetings

American Benedictine Academy. Library Science Section

Wednesday, April 21, 4:30 p.m.

**CHAIRMAN:** Adolph Hrdlicka, O.S.B., Librarian

St. Procopius College, Lisle, Ill.

Franciscan Education Conference. Library Section, Friars and Sisters

Wednesday, April 21, 4:30 p.m.

**CHAIRMAN:** Rev. Donald Wiest, O.F.M., Cap. Capuchin Library, St. Anthony Friary, Marathon, Wisconsin

Jesuit Library Conference

Wednesday, April 21, 8 p.m.

**CHAIRMAN:** Rev. Andrew L. Bouwhuis, S.J. Librarian, Canisius College

Buffalo, New York

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## VISIT THE EXHIBITS

### A Few Practical Notes on Philadelphia

Street and Transit map of city at newsstands, 16¢.

Greyhound tour of city, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., \$4.00.

Holiday magazine suggests Shoyer's at 4th and Arch for a fine lunch—the special is Hungarian strudel at \$1.05. For dinner they suggest the Old Bookbinder's—rather appropriate for librarians—Sea food a specialty—check including tip comes to about \$4.00.

A trip to Valley Forge, twenty-five miles away, and back will run \$4.10 on the Gray Line bus, which leaves from 9th & Chestnut at 2 p.m. and returns at 6 p.m.

Dinner for \$3.00 can be had at Dante's Corona di Ferro (762 S. 10th), The Russian-accented Inn (1233 Locust), the Smorgasbord (1725 Spruce), the South China (208 S. 9th).





Seated, left to right: Sister Mary Margaret, S.M., Margaret Mary Henrich, Sister Mary Consuelo, S.M., Sister Joseph Emmanuel, S.S.J., Rev. Vincent P. Schneider; Standing: Alphonse Trezza, Loretta McIlvaine, Rosalie Vernier, Rosmary Redmond, Madeleine Graham, Jane Hindman, Lawrence DiPietro.

**HONORARY CHAIRMAN:** Most Reverend Joseph McShea, D.D., *Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia.*

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**LODGING AND HOSPITALITY:**

Madeleine Graham, *Aquinas Lending Library, Chairman*

**TOUR:** Lawrence DiPietro, *Free Library of Philadelphia, Chairman*

**EXHIBITS:** Alphonse Trezza, *Circulation Librarian, University of Pennsylvania, Chairman*

**CONFERENCE MASS:**

Rev. Vincent P. Schneider, *Librarian, St. James High School, Chester, Pa., Chairman*

**CONFERENCE LUNCHEON:**

Rosalie Vernier, *Biddle Law Library, University of Pennsylvania, Chairman*

In addition to the above Committee Chairmen, the Local Arrangements Committee also includes Sister Mary Consuelo, S.M., *Librarian, Gwynedd-Mercy Junior College; Sister Joseph Emmanuel, S.S.J., Assistant Librarian, Chestnut Hill College; Miss Rosemary Redmond, Free Library of Philadelphia; Miss Jane F. Hindman, Librarian, Abraham Lincoln High School*

# Philadelphia--

## The City of Brotherly Love

Sister Mary Margaret, S.M.

*Mater Misericordiae*  
Perion, Pa.

The Philadelphia Unit extends a cordial welcome to the delegates from all parts of the United States to the Thirtieth Annual Conference of the Catholic Library Association. We feel that a little information about the city might help to induce more members of the Association to come to our beloved city.

Philadelphia, the third largest city in the United States, was founded in 1682 by William Penn at the junction of the Delaware and Schuylkill Rivers. It is located less than one hundred miles from the Atlantic Ocean and is a thriving ocean port and shipbuilding center. It is also one of the world's busiest industrial cities, the textile center of America and a center of printing and publishing.

Of general interest is City Hall, the tallest building in Philadelphia with a tower 548 feet high. This is a good example of modern French Renaissance architecture. The tower is surmounted by a 37 foot statue of William Penn. The United States Mint is the largest in the United States.

The City of Brotherly Love is connected with many events and personalities that established this American Nation. Therefore, if you are historically minded, you might like to visit Independence Hall where the Declaration of Independence was signed, the Constitution of the United States was drawn up and the Liberty Bell is housed; Congress Hall where Washington was inaugurated for his Second Presidential term in 1793; Carpenter's Hall which was the meeting place of the First Continental Congress in 1774;

Betsy Ross House which is the home of the legendary designer of the First American Flag; Christ Church in which Washington, Penn, Franklin, Robert Morris, Betsy Ross worshiped God; Old Swedes Church erected in 1700.

All culturally minded people would enjoy seeing Fairmount Park which is the largest park in the United States and within which is the Aquarium, Zoological Garden, William Penn House, Memorial Hall, Horticultural Hall, Boat House Row, the haunt of rowing enthusiasts, Grant's Cabin; Barram's Botanical Garden, which is the oldest in America, having been founded in 1728; Philadelphia Art Museum, which occupies an elevation with an imposing view and contains galleries which give the story of art from the earliest times and in all countries; the Rodin Museum which houses a large collection of works by the famous French Sculptor; the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, which has a fine collection of early and modern American paintings; the Philadelphia Commercial Museum, which houses raw materials and manufactured goods from all countries in the world; the Academy of Natural Sciences which has an outstanding collection of birds, plants, and other natural collections; the Franklin Institute which is the oldest institution in the country devoted to the study and promotion of the mechanical arts and applied science; Fels Planetarium which reproduces the sky with sun, moon, planets and stars in their relative positions.

As Catholics, you will doubtless be interested in St. Joseph's Church, on Willing's

Alley, which occupies the oldest site of a Catholic Chapel in Philadelphia, having been erected in 1732; Old St. Mary's, built in 1763, in which Catholics of the Revolution worshipped; Washington, Lafayette and their soldiers attended Holy Mass to beg God's blessings before going to meet Cornwallis, and to which they returned after the British surrender to attend a Mass of Thanksgiving; in the churchyard Commodore John Barry, the Father of the American Navy, Captain Thomas FitzSimons, and George Meade are buried. Of comparable interest are St. John's, which is in the heart of the shopping district and convenient to Convention headquarters, and which has Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament all day, every day; Old St. Peter's which contains the tomb of Ven. Bishop Neumann, the fourth Bishop of Philadelphia; the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul.

Of specific interest to librarians is the Free Library of Philadelphia, established in 1861, which is the largest library organization. It has over forty branches. The Main Branch on the Parkway at 19th and Vine Streets, modeled after the structure of Place de la Concorde, Paris, opened June 2, 1927. It is one of the largest library buildings in

the world. The Library Company of Philadelphia, which originated in the Junto, a research club founded by Ben Franklin in 1727, was formally organized in 1731 and is the oldest subscription library in America in continuous existence. Its collections are housed in the Ridgway Branch of the Free Library. The American Philosophical Society which Franklin founded in 1743, preserves most of Franklin's letters. The University Library, which is the General Library of the University of Pennsylvania, contains an excellent collection of general reference books and bibliographies as well as rare books. The Union Library Catalog, located on the campus of the University of Pennsylvania, lists in one alphabet by author approximately 5,000,000 titles owned by 160 libraries in the Philadelphia area. Catholic colleges in or near Philadelphia are La Salle College, Villanova University and St. Joseph's College for men; and the College of Chestnut Hill, Immaculata College, Manor College and Rosemont College for women. Each library in these institutions is well equipped and fitted for its individual needs.

Philadelphia has so much to offer the delegates of the Catholic Library Association that we hope many will come to our city. See you in Philadelphia Easter week!

#### CALENDAR OF SCHEDULED EVENTS—1954

April 10, Michigan Unit. Spring meeting. Saginaw.

April 12, Richmond Unit. Spring meeting.

April 20-23, CATHOLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION. 30th Annual Conference, Bellevue-Stratford Hotel, Philadelphia.

May 5, Greater Cincinnati Unit. Final meeting of year.

May 8, Western New York Catholic Librarians Conference. Spring meeting.

May 9, Philadelphia Area Unit. Spring meeting.

May 15, Albany Unit. Spring meeting.

May 15, Brooklyn-Long Island Unit (Pioneer Unit) 20th anniversary meeting. Will open with Solemn Mass, St. Patrick's, Bay Shore, Long Island.

May 15, Greater Louisville Unit. Spring meeting.

June 20-26, American Library Association. Annual conference, Minneapolis.

July 17, Pacific Northwest Regional Conference, Annual conference, St. Martin's College, Olympia, Washington.

#### INSPECT THE CONFERENCE EXHIBITS

# Hospital Library Service

For the Patients, School of Nursing  
and Medical Staff

Sister Mary Germaine, S.S.M.  
St. John's Hospital  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

While school librarians may be overcoming the tradition that libraries are merely book warehouses, the tradition hangs like a millstone round the necks of many hospital librarians today. But there is evidence that the hospital library will eventually find its rightful place with the other hospital departments.

Pope Pius XI, of blessed memory, exhorted the various Sisterhoods engaged in the care of the sick to seek first, for themselves and their charges, the things that lead to the Kingdom of God, and no one could understand better than the great bibliographer of the Ambrosian Library that good reading is one direct pathway to the acquisition of Christian truths and principles. It is reasonable, therefore, to expect that religious devoted to hospital work should not be indifferent to the social, cultural, spiritual, and therapeutic uses of the hospital library.

The hospital library is many-purposed by nature. It is used to advance professional efficiency, and to stimulate more extensive research in medicine and the art of nursing. An ever growing opinion holds that the hospital library is a necessary institutional asset, conducive to social, mental, and physical therapy. Judiciously administered, the library can be as well a valuable method of Catholic action among patients, nurses, instructors, and doctors.

The librarian is rightly called "the servant of the servants of literature." This title is even more becoming to the hospital librarian since her ministrations extend beyond the confines of the library walls into the sick room, as well as the nurses station, and the doctor's study. But, the services of the librarian will depend, in a great measure, upon the variety and quality of the library's resources.

## Library Objectives

Before we consider the services of the librarian, it may be beneficial to summarize the objectives which will determine her actions.

The use of books in the treatment of patients is known as bibliotherapy. It is the aim of the *patients'* library to utilize this form of treatment for the rehabilitation of both the physically and mentally ill by supplying the books and periodicals which will provide emotional, social, and intellectual stimulation. At the same time, the Catholic hospital aims to use this curative method to promote the spiritual health of the patients.

It is the aim of the hospital *medical* library to assist and further education and research among the professional staff by providing and maintaining, in an easily accessible, attractive, and adequately equipped department, sufficient scientific literature and library services.

The primary function of the *nursing school* library is to aid in the education of the students by supplementing the work of the classroom. The second function is to serve the needs of the faculty.

To meet these objectives, it is necessary to impress upon the hospital and nursing school administrators and trustees the fact that a well-equipped, well-staffed library is a real asset to the institution. That is, it means for the patient, a new lease on life. It means for the student nurse a broadening of perspective. It means for the teacher untold increase in resources and power. It means for the school a treasury of the wisdom of great minds. It means for the hospital curative efficiency, ethical influence, and a stimulus to new progress.



## Service to Patients

As Catholic men and women of medicine, we are interested in the whole patient, body, soul, and mind. The librarian, who is used to clinical work, develops a kind of intuitive knowledge of what certain people need in certain situations, in certain moods; and she is able to combine her knowledge of literature and medical training for the benefit of the patients. She becomes a member of the therapeutic team with the doctors, nurses, and technicians.

The librarian who has established contact with the patient may discuss with him his reactions to a book or magazine or to a paper which he has read; she increases the patient's interest in the outside world by her visit. She increases his self-esteem, because he finds that here is a professional person who takes him seriously, who talks with him in a friendly, but dignified manner, who has respect for his opinion, who appreciates his reactions and shows him sympathy.

Amongst our patients we find the elderly man or woman who must be helped along the last stretch of the road, and books will help them to relive the good old days so dear to the aged. The man in the prime of life, restless because he is restrained by illness, sails the seven seas through books. The defeated may find new hope in the biography of another who mastered his sickness and achieved success. Even a crossword puzzle in a paper may help the worrier to conquer his anxiety, because it offers him new food for thought. The young mother might well read about how to wash the baby, instead of fretting and worrying. Medicine of the soul can be given to our patients by placing close at hand books of high ideals and heroic deeds. This is the medicine not found in pill boxes.

The hospital librarian will take a special interest in the sick children entrusted to her care. These injured birds are unwilling prisoners in unfamiliar surroundings. We must deal out generous portions of the magic print that will nourish their minds and hearts and carry them beyond the thoughts of their physical ailments. Children love true stories about boys and girls with their own ups and downs, mistakes and conquests. And how they love the Boy Jesus!

Librarians in a Catholic hospital must appreciate the apostolate of good books.

They have a powerful influence for good. A single passage may supply the needed and longed-for nourishment to a starving soul. Verse cards, pamphlets, magazines, as well as books, have a definite place in the apostolate. The librarian is the keeper of the keys. Will she unlock the door that guards this storehouse of knowledge or will she allow the patient to continue to grope in the dark? Each type of book must be judiciously selected lest it have the same effect as a wrong medication.

The librarian ought to add background information concerning the patients. Before making the rounds of the ward, she must check with the supervisor and ask for a list of patients whom she may visit. At no time ought she to disregard these orders. On the contrary, she should seek the recommendations of the doctors for certain types of books for their patients. With the same graciousness the librarian should render small services to the patient who asks for a drink, cigarettes, pipe, or "specks," remembering it is not what we give but the spirit with which we give it that counts.

The librarian's approach to the male patient deserves special comment. It is essential that she try to learn his background and education, his interests, and spiritual outlook. A boy of twelve and a man of seventy have different interests. A studious, retiring adolescent and a red-blooded athlete will have different tastes. An educated man and a rough outspoken laborer will not agree on the choice of reading matter. A nervous patient may prefer a book of psychiatry, a tubercular patient may crave a book on tuberculosis, but it might be dangerous to satisfy their desires. Older men, who have long since developed their reading appetites, should be given books on a par with their capacity, whether their interest be politics, world affairs, humor, biography, or spiritual matters. As a general rule, hospital themes should be avoided, except, perhaps, in the case of doctor or nurse patients.

It is very desirable that the librarian actually read the books she circulates. When one reads a book it becomes part of his life, he never forgets it, and is in a position to tell the story with realism.

Of course no librarian can possibly read all the books she circulates, but she should be familiar with their contents through reviews or oral reports from others. Her



knowledge of her wares will be her chief means of suggesting the right book to the right reader, and of making sure that offensive material finds no place on her rolling shelves.

Bibliotherapy is a big word, but its meaning is easy to comprehend. For the librarian of a Catholic hospital, it is an apostolate. May it grow and flourish, and open to all the incomparable riches of our holy Faith.

### Service in the School of Nursing

The library can be a valuable adjunct in the school's educational program, if the services expected from it are clearly delineated and adequate professional and clerical staff is provided. The library should be one of the most important units in hospitals and schools of nursing education, and it will be, if it is built for *use* and integrated into the curriculum.

Matthew Arnold's dictum that there can be no great poem without a great subject has become a truism which might be plagerized thus: There can be no great curriculum of nursing education without an adequate library directed by a trained and competent librarian. We may also add with equal confidence that without a broad and liberal educational program for preparing nurses for the present and future, the professional status of the nursing profession is imperiled. Such a program calls for the widest possible use of the library by both students and instructors.

As one contemplates the curriculum of nursing education and its underlying philosophy, it is difficult to understand why the idea of a trained librarian, as a member of every nursing school faculty, has taken so long to develop. The students have been taught integration and correlation. They have been taught to consider the whole man and total situations, instead of limiting their interests to his illness or an aspect of his illness divorced from the man himself and his social works. Courses have been taught as isolated matter giving the student the attitude that the purpose of study and teaching is to remember facts rather than to develop ideas. This approach has disregarded the need for instilling the desire to continue learning after graduation. To improve the situation, the trained librarian should take her rightful place in inspiring and aiding

the student to understand the function of the librarian and the library.

Well-chosen references are essential to a broader knowledge of the subject studied. They stimulate the student's interest by approaching different subjects from different points of view and make her familiar with the different authorities on the subject. They must be kept up to date in order to keep pace with the rapid advance in the science of medicine. New treatments, new drugs, and appliances are being adopted every day, with resultant changes in nursing care and technique. Consequently, the nurses' library that is not progressive is practically worthless. Schools of nursing, have crowded schedules and the students do not have an overabundance of time at their disposal to prepare assignments. It is imperative, therefore, that the library arrangements be such that students may have access to reference books at times when they are at leisure to use them.

There are many excellent hospital and nursing journals available and every hospital library should be supplied with them. Students should be given assignments in current periodicals of this type for their present value, and also to educate them to read later on.

The young woman who completes the course in a school of nursing devotes to it three years of the most impressionable period of her life, a period when character is becoming crystallized and lifelong habits formed. We are training the woman as well as the nurse. Her mind must be developed in all respects, due attention being given to the religious, moral, and cultural, as well as to the professional values, and she must be supplied with constructive and wholesome recreation. Therefore, the student nurses' library should contain not only books of a scientific and professional content but a generous selection of all subjects of interest to the modern young woman. Fiction has its place in providing recreation and entertainment—as a release from more serious study and in keeping alive the faculty of enjoyment. If the right sort of fiction is chosen, it may stimulate a taste for more serious reading. Cultural reading generates an appreciation of art, music, and literature.

The complaint has been made that nurses sometimes allow their characters to become warped and narrow and come to overlook

much that is worthwhile in life. By reading books of history, biography, art, or travel and being conversant with the literature and events of the day, they not only enrich their lives, but are enabled to render much more pleasing service to their patients.

The librarian of the school of nursing has a three-fold service: administrative, technical, and pedagogical. On the administrative side, public relations is the most important. With the faculty, public relations are particularly important because the library will get nowhere if it does not have the support and interest of the faculty. The faculty is the connecting link, in a way, between the library and the student nurse. Unless the librarian can in some way arouse the interest of the members of the faculty in the library, she will be unable to do very much towards expanding the service. To win this agreeable relationship with the faculty, special cultivation may be necessary. She might send reviews to individuals on the faculty, and new articles or other materials; these are ways of letting them know you have a library service that can be useful to them. Other direct services include offering them interlibrary loan facilities, and getting books for the faculty to review. The librarian should be a member of the faculty, hence it is her responsibility to learn something about nursing education. She should also have membership in some of the nursing organizations, which would make her more familiar with the field. The National League for Nursing welcomes non-nurse members.

The librarian should be a member of the Curriculum Committee. If she familiarizes herself with the objectives and the content of the curriculum, the course outlines, and the school catalog, she will have something to contribute to the nursing school program.

If the faculty can see the librarian as one of its own, someone who is taking part in the development of the school, someone who is providing a service which is promoting the aims as the teachers themselves, then you have in the faculty a group which is going to support her program.

The technical services in the school of nursing are important. Since the collections of books may be small, it is important to have all the holdings of the library classified and cataloged correctly. Subject cataloging is essential if we want the library to be used. This may be done through bibliographies, or

more subject cataloging on cards, but it should bring out all the resources in the collection and make them available to the students. Each library has a collection of ephemeral materials. The value of this collection will depend upon the librarian making it known through the catalog.

Another technical process of great importance is indexing. A great deal of this material comes from current magazines and there is no index that fits all the needs of the nursing school or nursing service. The American Journal of Nursing offers an index to its publication. The cards are issued monthly, which increases the value of the service. The medical indexes and the hospital indexes do not take in the materials in education that we need. Schools of nursing must index the journals which are received. The Bellevue School of Nursing publishes "Brief Notes" which is an index to the periodical literature of the school. The "Index Medicus" covers many of the nursing magazines, but the price is prohibitive—\$20.00, and it does not include other periodicals.

The teaching function of the nursing school librarian is important. These young students just out of high school need several hours of instruction to orient them to the library. She should acquaint them with the various indexes, the basic references, and give them practice in the use of the library. They must become familiar with the library vocabulary, the card catalog, the classification scheme, the indexes, encyclopedias and dictionaries, the vertical file, how to make bibliographies and book reports, and the like. Incidental, individual help all through the years is necessary for successful and progressive work.

The librarian has the responsibility to provide non-professional reading for the students and faculty. If the library funds do not suffice, books may be solicited provided they are properly screened. Arrangements may also be made with the public library to send a deposit of books every two months.

### Service in the Medical Library

The hospital medical library is becoming one of the necessary laboratories in which the doctor will work. It is an essential part of the institution for the physician as well as for the other members of the hospital staff, the nurses, the technicians, the anesthetists, the medical record librarian, the x-ray tech-

nicians, the physiotherapists, and the social workers.

The hospital librarian aims to contribute to the educational functions of the hospital, to stimulate and promote the library habit among the medical staff. Those who use the library most frequently in their work formed the library habit earlier in life. They were blessed with an early orientation period. Time spent in orienting new readers is time well spent.

The services rendered by the hospital medical librarian are of three types: routine library work, reference work, and administrative duties that help for closer cooperation within the institution. The usefulness of the library, in one respect, will depend upon the ability of the librarian to stimulate an interest in reviewing current literature. This will not only aid the staff officers in their respective specialties but will also create an increased interest in the library program.

The librarian's routine duties include classification and cataloging of all books, periodicals, and ephemeral materials. She keeps everything in perfect order. She also instructs readers in the use of library tools.

The librarian's more important duties center around the reference activities. *Service* is the keynote of the medical library, and this service operates through the medium of reference and bibliography. The most effective service can be rendered if the librarian has a clear idea of what the patron wants in the line of information. There are several questions to be decided before any search for literature is undertaken; *the particular phase of the subject* in which the doctor is interested—etiology, treatment, historical data, or surgical aspects; *the purpose of the study*—whether it is to be used for a monograph, a case report, or a scientific paper; and *the scope of the material* or the years to be covered. Determination of these details in advance saves time for the doctor and the librarian. An alphabetical file of all the staff members with their respective reference interests will be helpful.

Abstracting and translating also come within the realm of reference work, but few libraries have the qualified personnel for this work. Such services are offered by the American College of Surgeons and the New York Academy of Medicine.

Interlibrary loan service is another responsibility of the librarian. She must know

what books are available in local libraries and which must be procured elsewhere. Promptness in obtaining the desired books and pamphlets is very important.

Also included in this category are miscellaneous questions concerning addresses of physicians and societies, biographical data, dates and places of meetings and the like, which will vary with the clinical and diagnostic cases of the hospital. Such services are repaid by wholehearted cooperation of all the departments with the library.

Providing editorial assistance for any member of the staff, whether he be medical or administrative, is one of the most effective ways of making the library felt in the hospital.

The transposition of a bibliography into good bibliographical form is a contribution which the librarian can make with satisfaction. It will help materially if the doctor will name the journal to which he is submitting his manuscript in order that she may be guided in the use of the particular form for listing references and journal title abbreviations. Similar assistance may be rendered to the superintendent when she makes the annual report, the interns' manual, and similar publications.

The librarian is also the administrator and supervisor of all materials in the library. In this capacity she must plan the development of the library collection for present and future needs, striving to strengthen the weaker fields with new publications, and also weeding out the old and outdated materials. She must keep the necessary records, make reports to the staff and library committee, and treat all with justice and prudence.

#### Rewards of Hospital Library Service

The rewards of hospital medical librarianship are many: the stimulus and satisfaction of aiding vital research, the opportunity to work with the brilliant and the dedicated men of medicine, as well as the developing students; the relative stability of the job with resulting advantages to the librarian and the hospital staff; and the steady growth in knowledge of medical problems, and skill to help in their solution. Greater still is the everlasting reward of the Savior promised to all who serve for Christ's sweet sake. "Whatever you have done unto these, my least brethren, you have done unto Me."

# C. L. A. Finances

## CATHOLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION BALANCE SHEET OCTOBER 31, 1953

### ASSETS

#### CURRENT ASSETS

Cash in bank .....	\$12,441.45
Accounts received— exhibit space .....	50.00
Total current assets .....	\$12,491.45

#### FURNITURE AND FIXTURES:

Equipment at Chicago office .....	381.61
	\$12,873.06

### LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

#### CURRENT LIABILITIES:

Accounts payable—trade .....	none
Federal withholding taxes payable .....	100.16
Total current liabilities .....	\$100.16

#### CONTINGENT LIABILITIES:\*1

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#### DEFERRED INCOME:

Deferred dues for year 1954-55 ..	66.75
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#### NET WORTH:

##### Balance—

June 30, 1953 ... \$ 3,634.25

Add—receipts in excess of disbursements for four month period ended Oct. 31, 1953 .....

9,071.90 \$12,706.15  
\$12,873.06

\*1 cumulated vacation pay due Jeannette M. Lynn (since paid) .. \$172.59

The foregoing is a summarized net worth statement taken from the auditor's report issued at the termination of Mrs. Jeannette Lynn's services as Executive Secretary.

As it stands the statement appears to show that the C.L.A. is well off financially, even wealthy. The following points may serve to bring the picture into better focus.

Four-fifths of the CLA membership revenue comes from the summer billing. Since this statement was issued in October this revenue is included in the assets. However, these assets are not profits, because they must be used to pay the bills that will come in between October and June. For example, the bill for the October issue of the CATHOLIC LIBRARY WORLD had not arrived when the statement was issued, although the magazine had been published. So, actually, we must immediately reduce the net worth figure by the amount of this bill (over \$1,000.00). But it is not only the October CLW that must be paid from the money shown as assets, but the rest of the issues through May in addition to *two Handbooks*, not to mention other items such as salary, office expense, etc.

It is true that the winter billing of membership and advertising revenue during the year will come in later and be credited to the fiscal year in question, but, when we realize that the assets on the above statement represent four-fifths of the annual membership income, the \$12,000.00 loses its halo.

Father Bouwhuis' Financial Committee has estimated, after careful figuring, that at the end of the current fiscal year the Association may show a 5% net overage, aside from possible profit or loss on the Conference or Book Week.

There may not be much point in printing the total assets and liabilities of the period June 30, 1953 to January 31, 1954, since it does not give a full picture. It does not, for instance, include the January CLW, nor the full advertising revenue from December. For those, however, who may find it of interest, it appears below.

A full statement of CLA finances, with explanatory comment, for the fiscal year 1953-54 will appear in the October issue.

While it would be very imprudent to fall back on a false sense of security, it is pos-



sible to say that the Association is in fair financial conditions. There are prospects of a few dollars being left after all the bills are paid, and, if this keeps up for a few years, a comfortable cushion will be accumulated giving a tangible basis for confidence to those imaginative members who wish to see the C.L.A. embark on some new, constructive projects.

It might be helpful to point out that none of the deferred income shows on the following report. That means that any money covering membership in the Association after June 30, 1954 does not appear. The reason for this is that that money does not really belong to the Association until the next fiscal year begins.

# CATHOLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

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## OPERATING STATEMENT

July 1, 1953—January 31, 1954

### INCOME

#### MEMBERSHIP 1953-54

Individual	4,780.77 CR
Constituent	1,987.25 CR
Institutional	6,349.00 CR
Contributing	93.75 CR
Sustaining	655.00 CR
Student	20.00 CR

Total Membership 1953-54 13,885.77 CR

Subscriptions	65.00 CR
Advertising	1,385.01 CR
Reprints	23.54 CR
Book Week	1,041.84 CR
Miscellaneous	5.99 CR
Total	2,521.38 CR

TOTAL INCOME 16,407.15 CR

### COST OF SALES

Production & Distribution	
Printing Basic—C.L.W.	2,093.86
Printing Reprints	76.88
Freight & Postage	172.04

Total Production & Distrib. 2,342.78

### SUBSCRIP. PROM. FULL. EXP.

Advertising Commissions	630.14
Postage	190.50
Addressograph Plates	5.54

Total Sub. Prom. Full. Exp. 826.18

### OTHER EXPENSE

Presidents Office—Travel	148.05
Book Week	326.90
Secretarys Office—Travel	17.50
Reference Books	12.00

Total Other Costs 504.45

### TOTAL OPERATING COSTS

3,673.41

### GROSS PROFIT

ON OPERATION 12,733.74 CR

### OVERHEAD EXPENSE

Gross Salaries	3,167.13
Social Security Taxes	19.81
Legal & Auditing	455.50
Telephone	204.95
Offices Supplies & Expense	690.42
Postage	105.65
Miscellaneous	189.86
Dues & Subscriptions	10.00
Insurance	325.00

Total Overhead Expense 5,168.32

GAIN OR LOSS 7,565.42 CR

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## Catholic Book Week--1954

*A Report of a Successful Venture*

**Alphonse F. Trezza**

*University of Pennsylvania Library  
Philadelphia 4, Pa.*

Catholic Book Week for 1954 was celebrated during the week of February 21-27. It seems appropriate at this time for the Chairman of CBW to issue a preliminary report briefly showing some of its highlights and some of its successes and failures. The theme for this year was, "Christian reading for a united world." Francis Cardinal Spellman, was Honorary Chairman.

This year, as in the past, a Book Week Kit was made available for \$1.00, with postage free if prepaid. The kit consisted of two copies of the official poster, one copy of the folder of ideas, 30 copies of the adult list and 30 copies of the young peoples and childrens lists. In addition to the kit, posters and folders of ideas were sold for 15 cents each or 7 for \$1.00 and book lists were available at 100 for 75 cents. Copies of the book lists with the imprint of the ordering library or individual were also available at the additional cost of \$1.25 for the first 250 and 25 cents for each additional 100 or fraction thereof.

The Chairman of this year's national Catholic Book Week committee followed the advice of last year's Chairman and obtained the services of a professional artist to interpret the theme. The design which was accepted for the official poster depicted the United Nations building with a cross superimposed on it, making a very striking and symbolic representation of the theme.

In answer to the many demands for a new folder containing helpful hints and suggestions on how to celebrate Catholic Book Week, I prevailed upon Mr. Phillips Temple to undertake the difficult task. The folder of "Ideas for Catholic Book Week 1954" which Mr. Temple submitted was unusually well done. It was interestingly written, contained all the pertinent facts about CBW and was full of suggestions on how to celebrate CBW on any level of interest.

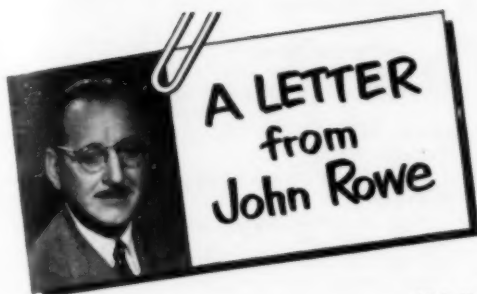
Last year the national Book Week committee issued an annotated book list "33 Stimulants to Catholic Thought in 1953." This list was so well received that it was

decided another list would be issued this year. However, one of the criticisms of last year's list was the emphasis on adult reading to the complete exclusion of books for young people and children. Consequently two lists were published this year. Each list consisted of 30 annotated titles published during the last year. A committee of Brother Edmund Joseph, Miss Lucy Murphy, and Miss Rita Keckeissen submitted titles for inclusion on the adult list. Dr. Helen Butler and Sister Marie Inez suggested the titles for the young people and children's list. The final responsibility for the inclusion of any title on either list rested with the national Chairman. The lists were attractively printed with a cut of the official poster on the cover.

One of the major contributions towards successful book week celebration is a capable handling of national publicity. For this very important responsibility I was fortunate in persuading Rev. Vincent T. Mallon, M.M., last year's Book Week chairman, to serve as chairman of the subcommittee on publicity. The national coverage of this year's Book Week celebration was constant and thorough as is evidenced by the pictures of Cardinal Spellman, the national Chairman, the poster, articles on the Book Week theme, Book Week in general, and the publishing of the book lists issued by the national Book Week committee. Many periodicals were unable to use some of our Book Week materials, as their deadline for their January and February issues was November 1. This meant that the book lists would have to be ready for release by that time. It would be difficult to have a list, which would be fairly current in February, prepared by November 1.

In addition to regular news releases, the national Chairman sent a personal letter to the Bishops of every diocese and archdiocese in the country bringing to their attention the national celebration of Catholic Book Week and asking their cooperation in this important work.

This year it was decided that the national



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How do you decide? You skip over most of the meaningless words and pick up the choice new ideas. You get bored with the longwinded guy who rambles on and never gets to the point but may remember an idea he gave you. We actually see so little of what we look at and then only that for which we are looking. And thinking—well that's hard work—but if the mind is free from the odds and ends it can do a better job.

If the ideas and facts that are important to the problem at hand can be brought out for use and if you know where the other facts and ideas are put down for your use as needed, you can certainly come closer to a good solution to your problem.

So what is the point of all this? We at Encyclopædia Britannica have provided people everywhere with a method of organizing their own forgetting-remembering system. We have eliminated for them the facts and data which time has out-moded and which no longer have any bearing on today or tomorrow. We have collected, compiled, edited and organized into 24 volumes of the new Edition of Encyclopædia Britannica—a goodly portion of the knowledge of the world which will be vitally useful now and in the years to come.

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Catholic Book Week committee would not appeal to the publishers for financial support. Instead, the publishers were notified of specific titles included on the book lists sponsored by the CLA.

One of the most difficult and involved problems that a chairman of National Catholic Book Week has to face is that of mailing the many thousands of packages to fill Book Week orders. Two of the difficulties were the need for getting the materials in the mail early and the ability to keep pace with the ever mounting number of orders. This year the first packages were mailed on December 14 and the last on Saturday, February 20. The previous statement shows both the success and the failure of the national Chairman to cope with this problem.

At the conclusion of an assignment of this type the question always remains as to whether the individual was successful in the fulfilling of his responsibilities. As chairman of Catholic Book Week, I felt greatly pleased with some of the accomplishments, but at the same time I am painfully aware of the many shortcomings and failures experienced. I was most pleased by the large demand for Book Week literature. A total of 2,029 kits were ordered. In addition, 1,713 posters, 427 folders of ideas, and 41,394 adult and 23,410 young people's and children's book lists were requested. This means that a total of 193,184 book lists, 5,771 posters and 2,450 folders of ideas were distributed. However the mailing of these orders was the greatest weakness in the handling of Book Week this year. All orders should have been in the mail by February 10. Unfortunately, the last 275 orders were mailed on February 19 and 20.

A financial statement on Catholic Book Week for 1954 follows at the end of this report.

Any success that the national committee has had in the sponsoring of National Catholic Book Week for 1954 was due mainly to the cooperation of the members on the committee. The promptness in meeting deadlines made the job of the Chairman much easier. I am especially grateful to the untiring efforts of Father Mallon, both as Executive Secretary of CLA and as publicity Chairman.

# NATIONAL CATHOLIC BOOK WEEK—1954 *Statement as of March 1, 1954.*

## EXPENDITURES

Art and Production ..... \$125.00

## Printing:

6,500 Posters .....	410.00	
3,000 Folders—		
Ideas .....	114.00	
3,500 envelopes .....	51.42	
157,000 Reading Lists .....	1,101.10	
35,000 Reading Lists .....	363.60	2,040.12

Imprinted lists .....	55.00	
Postage (for all		
Book Week material) .....	652.57	
Stationery .....	9.50	
Typing of special letters .....	12.50	
Travel expenses .....	30.00	
Tel. & Tel., stationery, etc. ....	20.00	
Miscellaneous .....	3.00	
Postal cards for inclusion in CLW ..	49.50	

\$2,997.19

## RECEIPTS\* (Estimated)

Sale of 2,029 kits .....	\$2,029.00	
"    23,410 Children's lists .....		
"    41,394 Adult lists .....		

64,804 lists @ \$.75/100 .....	486.00	
Sale of 1,713 posters @ 15¢ each ..	256.95	
Sale of 427 Folders of		
Ideas @ 15¢ ea. ....	64.05	
Postage receipts		
(est. 40% of \$600.) .....	240.00	

\$3,076.00

Gift from McGraw-Hill		
Publishing Company .....	5.00	

\$3,081.00

\*This information is based on record of the CBW Chairman.

The above report is quite sketchy, but that is not the fault of Mr. Trezza. The undersigned asked him for a quick summary in order to provide advance information for use during the April Conference. A full report will appear later.

The reason there will be so small a profit this year, if there is any at all, is that the postal charges were so high. Last year's kit was mailed for 5¢; this year's for 18¢ to 32¢ depending upon the postal zone. Last year's kit was light since it contained two book leaflets instead of 60. The '53 list did contain Sr. Stella Maris' *Catholic Booklist* but this did not make the kit weigh more than the 8 oz. maximum for printed matter. The *Catholic Booklist* was not used this year in the kit because it was not available till late January and the kits were ready to be mailed in mid-December. The big problem is to prepare a kit worth \$1, which will not weigh over 8 oz.

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## Association News

### CONSTITUTION REVISION

The Constitution and By-Laws Committee headed by Brother Aurelian Thomas, F.S.C. will propose certain Constitutional changes for the vote of the Conference delegates in Philadelphia. It will be recalled that these changes were discussed at the New York Conference in 1952 and favorably voted on for the first time at the Columbus Conference in 1953. To effect the change the votes of two National Conferences are necessary. An affirmative vote this time will make it final. The proposed changes may be found on pp. 192ff in the March 1953 CLW.

### HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARIANS

The attention of High School librarians is drawn to page 160 in the February CLW under the caption "Parish Library Workshop." This item was erroneously labeled as it actually pertains to the High School section and not to the Parish Section.

### HANDBOOK OMISSION

Among the things left out of the new *Handbook* that should have been in it was the name of one of CLA's greatest supporters, Brother Sylvester, F.S.C. Brother was a very persuasive person when in St. Louis, judging from the number of memberships he sent in. We hope that his protégés did not suspect Brother of prying dues out of others and then not paying himself. We can assure all that he is still a member in the very best standing.

### NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY UNIT

At one of its largest meetings, held February 13, at Cathedral High School, the New York-New Jersey Unit was addressed by the Very Rev. Msgr. Aloysius F. Coogan, Vice Chancellor, and Moderator of the Catholic Institute of the Press, and Mr. Maurice Leahy, President of the Oriel Society. In keeping with Catholic Press Month, Msgr. Coogan read a paper on the CATHOLIC PRESS, stressing the need of Catholic Journalists, the influence they can wield in this field and the impetus which should be given by religious and laity alike.

Mr. Leahy chose for his topic *Convert Authors and Our Lady*. Because of his acquaintance and

friendship with many of the great English convert authors, Mr. Leahy gave his audience delightful and intimate glimpses of these writers. Quoting copiously from their prose and poetry in honor of Our Lady, Mr. Leahy brought to his listeners a greater realization of the love which prompted these authors to spread devotion to the Mother God.

The business meeting which followed immediately was presided over by the Rev. Henry A. Sarnowski, S.D.B. Among other reports was that of Sister Regina Miriam, S.S.J. of the Executive Council who had just returned from the Board's Mid-Winter Meeting at Chicago.

An all-day Book Exhibit, made possible by the American News Co. and Walter R. Engel, Inc., enabled members and those interested to examine and purchase both religious and secular books at all levels.

Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament brought the meeting to a close.

Sister M. Alfred, O.P.  
Secretary-Treasurer.

### TRENTON UNIT

Sister Mary Patrice, R.S.M., librarian of Georgian Court College, Lakewood, N.J., has been elected Chairman of the new Trenton (N.J.) Diocesan Unit of the Catholic Library Association. Other officers are Rev. James King, C.M., of St. Joseph's College, Princeton, N.J., Vice-Chairman, and Elia Barbati, Jr., of St. Joseph's Parish Library, Bound Brook, N.J., Secretary-Treasurer. The unit held its fall meeting on November 14, 1953, at the Catholic Free Lending Library, St. Joachim's Parish, Trenton, N.J.

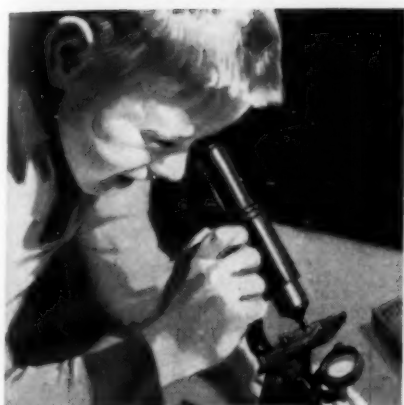
Appointed as a committee to draw up a constitution for the unit were Sister Patrice, Father King, Rev. E. Cardelia, pastor of St. Joachim's, Miss Anne Cladek, librarian of Perth Amboy, (N.J.) Public Library, and Mr. Barbati. The constitution will be submitted for approval at the next meeting, Saturday, April 3, 1954.

An intensive drive for new members was initiated. Membership in the unit is not limited to registered librarians but is open to all who are interested in furthering Catholic reading. Plans were made for Catholic Book Week and each member pledged full cooperation in promoting a wide coverage of this observance in his own locality.

All members were urged by Sister Patrice to attend the Annual Conference of the Catholic Library Association in Philadelphia.

Announcement was made that Miss Julia Killian, director of Monmouth County Library, Freehold, N.J., had volunteered to help any of the members wishing assistance in setting up and conducting their libraries.

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SISTER MARY CLAUDIA, I.H.M., Editor  
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Robert A. Miller's *Purchasing of Books and Journals in Europe* (University of Illinois Library School Occasional Papers, no 36), published this past fall, summarizes the author's experiences during 1952-53 when he spent a sabbatical leave in Europe searching for books. The paper gives many helpful suggestions for the purchase of new books; the acquisition of out-of-print titles; the ordering, receipt, and claiming of journal subscriptions; and the buying of back files.

*The U.S. Government Publications Monthly Catalog Decennial Cumulative Index, 1941-1950.* (Washington, D.C., Govt. Print. Off., 1953, 1848p. \$25.00.) is a monumental work, primarily a subject index, which replaces the ten annual indexes and the indexes to the three supplements. There will be no free distribution even to depository libraries.

The twentieth annual edition of *Doctoral Dissertations Accepted by American Universities 1952-1953* is now available from the H. W. Wilson Company (305p., \$6.00). Edited by Arnold H. Trotter and Marian Harman, it shows an increase of doctorates from 2117 in 1944 to 8604 in 1953.

Menke's *Encyclopedia of Sports*, a basic reference for all libraries, is now available in a new revised edition with cartoons by Willard Mullin, (New York, A. S. Barnes, 1953. 1018p. \$10.00.) In new format with an entirely new section on sports outside the United States, this revised edition includes many more headings than in the previous edition and a revision of all articles. Historical sections, however, show little change.

Due for publication this spring, some with special pre-publication discounts, are: *New Century Cyclopedia of Names*, ed. by Clarence L. Barnhart (3 vols. New York, Appleton, \$39.50.); *Books for Junior Colleges*, ed. by Frank J. Bertalan (Chicago, A.L.A.); *Index to Children's Poetry: First Supplement*, ed. by John E. Brenton, (New York, H. W. Wilson Company, \$6.00.); *Guide to Catholic Literature, 1953*, (Grosse Pointe 30, Michigan, Walter Romig, \$3.75) the seventh edition of *The Bookman's Manual*, ed. by Hester R. Hoffman, (New York, R. R. Bowker, \$10.00.); and the new revision of *Lovejoy's College Guide*, (New York, Simon and Schuster, Inc., \$2.95; paper, \$1.95.).

Subscribers to *Catholic Documents* (Salesian Press, Surrey Lane, Battersea, S.W. 11, England) will be glad to know that an index to the first ten numbers is now in preparation. The publishers suggest that these numbers be bound together to facilitate use with the index.

*AMERICAN School Library Directory*, Part II. Western and Southern States. New York, R. R. Bowker Co., 1953. 145p. \$15.00

The *American School Library Directory* is being published in four parts so that the information will be available as soon as assembled. Part I, covering the southern states was published about two years ago. Part II, covering twelve western states is now available and will be followed later by two other parts covering the central and eastern states. Lithographed from IBM composition and supplied in a permanent loose-leaf binder, this, the first directory of school libraries, is clearly and very effectively set up for ready reference use.

The basic arrangement is similar to that used in the American Library Directory: the information is listed by state and then alphabetically by city and town. For each state, general and very helpful information regarding the school libraries of the state is given in tabular form which facilitates use. The name of the school library supervisor, per-pupil allotments, minimum standards, advisory state book list if available, and school library associations in the state are some of the items included.

Private and parochial schools are listed separately under each city, the latter having been circularized for information through diocesan offices and by direct contact. It is to be regretted that so many of the parochial schools are listed by name only with no information regarding their libraries, implying, doubtless, that no detailed information was received from the school.

Appendices give book lists used by school libraries, national organizations interested in school libraries, and western colleges offering teacher education with institutions starred for training in school librarianship.

The price of this directory will place it far beyond the budget of most school libraries. It should, however, be invaluable for school library supervisors and all administrators concerned with the improvement of libraries in our elementary and high schools.

COPLESTON, Frederick, S.J. *A History of Philosophy, Volume III: Ockham to Suarez*. Westminster, The Newman Press, 1953. 479p. \$5.00

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scholarship and good style that characterized his previous two volumes. The subject is fourteenth, fifteenth, and sixteenth century Scholasticism, and the non-Scholastic philosophy of the Renaissance. An introduction surveys the period putting it into perspective, and the concluding chapter reviews the first three volumes while adding some afterthoughts by way of correction.

Immediately of note is the author's treatment of William Ockham, and to a lesser degree, of Francis Suarez. In six solid sections devoted to Ockham, he does much to clarify the thought of an important philosopher who in the past has been too often misrepresented. The systematic metaphysics and the philosophy of law of Francis Suarez are dealt with in some detail.

In this volume the author is forced to make greater use of the survey chapter than in his previous work. Yet, no philosopher is drawn so sketchily as to be obscure, and, in spite of the complexity of the period, balance characterizes the whole. Fourteenth-century and Renaissance science are skimmed for their philosophical aspects and implications, while the political philosophies and the Renaissance philosophies of nature are treated in their essence. There is even a chapter on the speculative rationalizations of the fourteenth-century mystics. The scope of a work like this history is very broad and there is bound to be a certain amount of arbitrary selection. But where the author merely hints at a subject such as Luther's attitude to both Renaissance and Scholastic culture, one could wish for greater detail.

The *History of Philosophy* is based on study of the actual texts of the philosophers presented, coupled with a judicious use of secondary studies. The foreword in which the author acknowledges the assistance of the noted Ockhamist scholar, Fr. Philotheus Boehner, O.F.M., is a tribute to his own scholarship. As to the format of the book, chapter headings, a skeleton outline running throughout the work, a complete index, and a notable bibliography, all make for the reader's convenience.

The book was at first intended as a college text for undergraduates, with seminaries especially in mind. The work has now grown to proportions that probably exclude it from classroom use, but it will certainly serve as a valuable reference work for many years to come.

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FECHER, Charles A. *The Philosophy of Jacques Maritain*. Westminster, Maryland, The Newman Press, 1953. 361p. \$5.00

Mr. Fecher's purpose is to present an uncritical précis of Jacques Maritain's thought in a manner which is within the grasp of the average intelligent reader. The general tone of the book can be gathered from the following remark, "It may be said of him [Maritain] that Catholic philosophy is something entirely different from what it would have been had he not lived, and he is the first man since St. Thomas Aquinas of whom that statement can truthfully be made." The general

method of treatment is to allow Maritain to speak for himself as much as possible.

After a quick survey of Maritain's life, the author outlines his thought in every branch of philosophy. The treatment of the speculative branches is based principally on the philosopher's analysis of the degrees of knowledge. Maritain's practical philosophy is accorded more detailed study. An entire chapter is devoted to his distinction between the individual and the person.

Although Maritain has written no *ex professo* book on the philosophy of history, the author employs four chapters for this subject gathering his reflections from the interpretation of history as found throughout his writings. The following is one example of Maritain's views: the last four and a half centuries show a gradual reversal of values from the God-centered humanism of the Middle Ages to the man-centered humanism of today. Fecher amply refutes the accusation that the French thinker endorses a return to the cultural forms of the Middle Ages.

Maritain's philosophy of education is intimately connected with his philosophy of history. For him, education is the instrument by which mankind can realize a "new modern Christendom which would be as Christian in spirit as the Middle Ages were, but which would find its concrete embodiment in the wholly altered historical circumstances prevailing today, and would draw upon the many good things that the past centuries have achieved."

The concluding chapters present some insight into what Thomism has done for Maritain and vice versa. To appreciate Maritain one must understand his outlook on Thomism, which, for him, is not just another system of philosophy but *the truth*. He was, in Fecher's words "impatient with those of his fellow-Catholics who refused to see in Thomism the last word in philosophy."

Two important questions come to mind. Does this book present Maritain's thought? Is it a clear and non-technical presentation? Yes, definitely. The number of quotations from Maritain is profuse, for there are very few pages that do not contain at least one or two rather lengthy excerpts from his writings. Moreover, Mr. Fecher succeeds admirably in avoiding technical terminology. The average intelligent reader will not need a dictionary to read the book. One objection, however, can be raised regarding a minor point. Many references to the thought of modern philosophers are too brief to be followed by a reader who has not studied the history of modern philosophy.

All in all, *The Philosophy of Jacques Maritain* is sufficiently clear for the average intelligent reader to grasp the position of the speculative branches of philosophy according to Maritain, and to understand the basic principles of his practical philosophy. A bibliography of Maritain's works available in English and a detailed index are appended. Whether one is a Thomist or not, he will want to read this, the first full-length study in any language of the greatest living Catholic philosopher.

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KUHLMAN, A.F. *Cooperation in Library Development in Higher Education in St. Paul*. Preliminary mimeographed report, 1952. Apply.

This extremely interesting report is the result of a survey to determine the feasibility of improving library resources and services and the educational programs of four St. Paul Colleges through cooperation among these institutions and with The James J. Hill Reference Library. A.F. Kuhlman, Director of Joint University Libraries, Nashville, Tennessee, made the survey in cooperation with the librarians of the respective institutions and in this report objectively points out the limitations as well as the great opportunities for cooperation in this area.

As a part of the survey, the librarians of the institutions involved have undertaken the compilation of a *Union List of Periodicals in Six St. Paul Libraries*. The libraries included are: The James J. Hill Reference Library, the St. Paul Public Library, and the libraries of the College of St. Catherine, Hamline University, Macalester College, and the College of St. Thomas. It is to be hoped that at a later date the *Union List* will be enlarged to include the special libraries of the area, many of which are not included in Gregory's *Union List of Serials*.

The report evidences a realistic approach to a problem that is now facing many college communities. College librarians would do well to investigate their own local situations with a view to greater community cooperation.

*PLAY Index, 1949-1952*, comp. by Dorothy Herbert West and Dorothy Margaret Peake. New York, H.W. Wilson Co., 1953. 239p. \$5.00

Approximately 2616 plays in 1138 volumes published between the years 1949 and 1952 are indexed in this volume. The *Index* includes all types of plays in the English language (children's as well as adult's) published in the United States, England, and Canada, and analyzes the titles by subject as well as by author and title. It is important to note that the *Play Index* does not supersede Firkins' *Index to Plays* nor the well-known indexes in special fields as, for example, those by Hyatt and Logasa. The cast analysis is a new feature which lists the plays included under the type and number of characters ranging from the very small to the large cast. Of special help is the brief descriptive note given after each title under the author entry.

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**SHORT Story Index;** comp. by Dorothy E. Cook and Isabel S. Monro. New York, H.W. Wilson Co., 1953. 1553p. Service basis.

This greatly enlarged edition supersedes the *Index to Short Stories* compiled by Ina Ten Eyck Firkins in 1923 and its two Supplements published in 1929 and 1936 respectively. The 1953 edition is an index to 60,000 stories in 4320 collections published 1949 or earlier. The first part of the *Index* lists stories by author, title, and subject in one alphabet. The second part gives a list of the books which are wholly or partially analyzed.

As a basis for selection a short story is defined as "a brief narrative of not more than 150 average sized pages 'all of whose constituent parts unite to make a single impression upon the mind of the reader.'" Folklore and story telling collections are among those excluded from the *Index*.

Many well-known and some almost forgotten names are included. Three books of Enid Dinnis; *Whistles of Silver*, by Helen Parry Eden; and the collections edited by Sister Mariella Gable have been analyzed; as well as individual stories by Robert Hugh Benson and Caryll Houselander included in miscellaneous collections. Spanish authors, usually difficult to locate in translation, are well represented. Inclusion of story collections

such as *The Commonwealth Reader* will call attention to books which without indexing are so likely to stand on the shelves forgotten and unused.

The *Short Story Index* is a highly useful tool which should be in every college, public, and school library.

## Young People Books

Helen L. Butler, Ph. D., Editor

Marywood College  
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BARRETT, E. Boyd. *The Quest of Honor*. Bruce, 1953. 122p. \$2.50

For the essay class, the retreat period, individual reading, and a general antidote to casual acceptance of worldly values, this little book should be welcome. With apt quotation and simple analysis, the author defines personal integrity and in successive chapters discusses the virtues and practices which contribute to it: honesty, justice, moderation, courage, continued learning, shame of wrong-doing, prayer.

CAMPBELL, Roy. *The Mamba's Precipice*. John Day, 1954. 189p. \$2.75

The South African poet whose autobiography, *Light on a Dark Horse* (1952), describes his conversion to Catholicism, has written for younger adolescents a story of a family vacationing on the coast of South Africa, which is rich in its account of jungle beasts, birds, marine life and people. The plot is episodic, and the telling occasionally a bit old-fashioned, but the incidents are exciting and the descriptive passages colorful and detailed. The good reader should like it.

GARTNER, John. *Ace Pitcher; a Rock Taylor Baseball Story*. Dodd, 1953. 215p. \$2.50

A high-school coach's tribulations with a self-appointed volunteer "coach" who interferes in the training of a key man on the nine. After the young reader has followed the team in practice and play from diamond to diamond until the state championship is won and three members chosen for the all-star team, he is then introduced to a magnanimous act on the part of Rock Taylor which will seem quite in character. Sister M. Ildephonse, S.S.N.D., *Academy of Our Lady, Chicago*.

HARNETT, Cynthia. *The Drawbridge Gate*. Putnam, 1954. 250p. illus. \$3

Another excellent story of 15th-century Catholic England, by the author of the Carnegie-medal winner, *Nicholas and the Woolpack*. In this richly detailed account of apprentice life in old London, and of rivalry between grocers' and mercers' guilds, famous personages walk through the pages, Dick Whittington most frequently. The

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KOMROFF, Manuel. *True Adventures of Spies*; illus. by Carl Bidwell. Little,

1954. 220p. \$2.75 (True Adventures Library)

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McGRAW, William. *High Road Home* (by) William Corbin (pseud.) Coward, 1954. 250p. \$2.75

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NEVINS, Albert J. *Adventures of Ramón of Bolivia*; illus. by Kurt Wiese. Dodd, 1954. 272p. \$2.75

In the Amazon jungle, the teen-aged son of a rubber worker was so expert a hunter and tracker that an American explorer hired him as guide. In the company was the explorer's nephew, a heedless, opinionated boy whose rashness left him and Ramon stranded. Thanks to the resourcefulness of the Spanish boy and to the help of a young Indian the latter had befriended, the two found their way through jungle, bog and flood to safety. Much action and many vivid pictures of native scenes and people will undoubtedly make this new story as popular as Father Nevins' earlier books.

NORTON, Sybil, and Cournois, John. *Candidate for Truth; the Story of Daniel Webster*. Illus. by Rus Anderson. Holt, 1953. 176p. \$2.50

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ROCHE, Aloysius. *In the Track of the Gospel; an Outline of the Christian Apostolate from Pentecost to the Present*. Kenedy, 1954. 200p. \$3

A selective history of Catholic missionary work from Apostolic times to the establishment of the Medical Missionary Sisters of our own time. Covering much the same ground as Sister Mary Just's *Immortal Fire*, this new work observes different proportions, sometimes amplifying her account, sometimes abridging it. There is also a less "literary" tone, but facts seem more cautiously marshalled. Good reference material for schools, unfortunately printed in small, closely-set type on rough paper.

SETON, Ernest Thompson. *Ernest Thompson Seton's America* . . . ed. with an Introduction by Farida A. Wiley. Devin-Adair, 1954. 413p. illus. \$5

Selections from the writings of the English-born artist, naturalist and writer, prefaced by an account of his life, and illustrated by many of his drawings. Included are parts of his autobiography, stories from *Wild Animals I Have Known* and *Lives of the Hunted*, some campfire Indian legends, etc. A companion volume to *John Burroughs' America* in Devin-Adair's "American Naturalist" series, this is handsomely set up, though inner margins are unduly narrow. Probably too expensive for the use it will have, but American boys should know its subject.

STRONG, Charles S. *Snow King, Herd Dog of Lapland*. Dodd, 1954. 249p. \$2.50

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TUNIS, John R. *Go, Team, Go!* Morrow, 1954. 215p. \$2.75

Any book by Tunis is popular, and all can be counted on to be more than just another sports story. In this tale of an Indiana high school team successfully coached to win the state championship, public attention turned the players' heads so completely that the following year they gambled and broke training confidently. Suspended, they withdrew from the team in the sure conclusion that townspeople and gamblers with a big pool on their next game would force the coach to restore them to the varsity squad. Whereupon, the coach turned to his B team. Suspenseful and thrill-packed, this will be enjoyed by both boys and girls.

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A good many of the Diocesan Confraternity organizations include Parish Libraries as a section. Whether or not, however, parish libraries are included in your local CCD, those interested in Catholic reading can form not only one, but several "Discussion Clubs on Catholic Literature." Parish librarians would do well to promote them.

The Queens Work, 3115 S. Grand Blvd., St. Louis, 18, Missouri, published a booklet, "Modern Catholic Literature—A Discussion Outline" by Herbert O'H. Walker, S.J. (price 10c), with seven discussions, or chapters, divided as follows:

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- Discussion IV—Short Stories
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